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This Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SORRY FOR DELAY

Due to The MSCA Conference held this last weekend and other scheduling issues, this issue, originally scheduled for Nov 2 is being sent out today. The next issue will be sent out the week after Thanksgiving.

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULED, REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEAR.

Sorry for the short notice, but a Symposium is scheduled for **November 19** at the **Lenoir Center in Columbia, Mo.** The subject is Restorative Discipline in the Schools. This Symposium is funded by the Missouri Department of Public Safety and the State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group. Prior notice was sent out to Superintendents, but we were asked to send this out to the attention of counselors. **The deadline for RSVP is November 12.** For more information and/or to register go to <http://education.umkc.edu/safe-school/documents/Restorative%20Justice%20Flyer.DOC>

IIR NOW AVAILABLE

The Internal Improvement Review (IIR), designed to help determine the degree of implementation of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program in a building or district is now available on the Web. To see it and/or to download a copy, please go to <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/iir.html> Remember that use of the IIR by a building or district is **voluntary**; there is no reporting requirement to the state concerning results.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

(From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA listservs or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.)

{CURRICULUM}

As previously announced, sample lessons are available on the Guidance e-Learning Center site at <http://missouricareereducation.org/curr/cmd/guidanceplacementG/elearning/> and also by going to SuccessLink at <http://www.successlink.org/>

{INDIVIDUAL PLANNING}

FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CAREERS IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR:

The Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association (AAIA) shares your interest in placing qualified students in fulfilling careers. The automotive aftermarket offers a wide array of careers in a surging market.

The motor vehicle aftermarket is a significant sector of the U.S. economy, employing approximately 4.6 million people. This industry encompasses all products and services purchased for light and heavy duty vehicles after the original sale including replacement parts, accessories, lubricants, appearance products, service repairs as well as the tools and equipment necessary to make the repair. An evolving industry has evolving careers. These include everything from technicians – an increasingly exciting position as the technology governing motor vehicles grows by leaps and bounds – to retailers and shop owners for everyone from the average consumer to NASCAR enthusiasts, to administrative positions in major national and multi-national companies. The automotive aftermarket also offers careers in sales, IT, accounting, office management, and advertising, to name a few.

AAIA's job board has been revised to smoothly handle a wide base of job seekers seeking relevant, quality positions. Key features include databases of employer and applicant postings, each searchable by job category, location, salary range, and keyword. The board is open to member and nonmember employers and job-seekers alike, in order to better meet the growing staffing demand in the aftermarket industry.

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For job seekers, the Aftermarket Career Center is a free service that provides access to employers and jobs. In addition to posting their resumes, job seekers can browse and view available jobs based on their criteria and save those jobs for later review if they choose. Job seekers can also create a search agent to provide email notifications of jobs that match their criteria.

Students will also have the benefit of searching a niche – or specialized – job board. Niche boards facilitate about one third of all online recruitment and include those operated by trade associations like AAIA. Trade associations are an excellent source of qualified talent for employers who seek direct access to targeted, qualified and specialized groups of employment candidates, and the employers know this.

AAIA is excited to be using modern resources to address the furthering of education and careers in the aftermarket here at AAIA. The AAIA Career Center can be found at <http://jobsline.aftermarket.org>. For more information, please contact Rachel Popham at 301.233.9426, or by e-mail at rachel.popham@aftermarket.org.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURE:

The Missouri Youth Pork Ambassador Program is designed to provide youth with an opportunity to become actively involved in the pork industry. The program will help youth develop strong relationships with both pork producers and allied industry members. It is an opportunity to learn about pork production and the industry and to improve communication and leadership skills.

The main goal of the Youth Pork Ambassador is to promote the Missouri Pork Association and the pork industry at various events. The successful candidate will gain valuable experience and develop relationships that will last a lifetime. The Ambassador will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship, payable to a technical school, community college or 4-year University at the end of the program. More information about this program as well as a link to the application is available at : http://www.mopork.com/youth_youthporkambassador.asp

{RESPONSIVE SERVICES}

INTERESTED IN PREVENTION?

Hard Choices, a special comic book developed by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in collaboration with Marvel Entertainment and the Elks USA, features Spider-Man and the Fantastic Four successfully battling underage drinking and urging kids to become real-life heroes by making healthy choices.

Order your free copy now! *Hard Choices* contributes to the **Surgeon General's Call to Action To Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking.**

A free teacher's guide with interactive activities for educators, parents, and youth leaders is automatically included with every order of 25 copies or more.

NEW SUICIDE PREVENTION BULLETIN AVAILABLE

The Department of Mental Health has created a new suicide prevention bulletin for school leaders including superintendents, principals, counselors, teachers, board of education members and others. To see an online copy, go to <http://www.dmh.mo.gov/cps/issues/suicide/WellAware.htm>

{SYSTEM SUPPORT}

A SOURCE TO SHARE

At the recent MSCA conference, mention was made of initiatives and practices being utilized through the Southern Region Education Board (SREB). To learn more about this organization and its programs, please go to <http://www.sreb.org/>. You can also contact Doug Sutton, Missouri Director at Phone: (573) 751-4192 or by Fax: (573) 526-4261 or by e-mail at: Doug.Sutton@dese.mo.gov

NEED HELP WITH CALENDARS?

Having concerns about developing calendars that reflect what you do? Information to help you with that issue and similar themes is available at <http://www.schoolcounselor.com/pubs/calendaring.htm>

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FREE COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP AVAILABLE

High School Counselors are invited to attend a FREE college financial aid workshop hosted by the MASFAP (Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel) Association. The event will be covering the following topics-

- * College Admissions
- * Update on the Missouri Department of Higher Education, regarding state programs
- * Update on the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, regarding loan programs
- * Financial aid overview, including identity theft
- * Overview of the Free Application of Federal Student Aid (FAFSA form)
- * Federal Update, on new and pending legislation

The event is being held at Washington University in St. Louis, from 9-noon on December 11th. For more information or to register, please visit the www.masfap.org website or email earlyawareness@masfap.org.

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS OF NOTE:

A. THE 14TH ANNUAL BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE will be held November 11-13, 2007 at Tan Tar A. Registration is now open for the 2007 Building Bridges Conference. Keynote speakers for this year's conference are Dr. Gene Bottoms, Senior Vice-President for the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), and Dr. Willard Daggett, President of the International Center for Leadership in Education. For further information or to register, go to [HTTP://MISSOURICAREEREDUCATION.ORG/PD/CONFERENCE07.HTML](http://MISSOURICAREEREDUCATION.ORG/PD/CONFERENCE07.HTML)

B. ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ACTE) ANNUAL CONVENTION will be held in Las Vegas NV on December 13-15, 2007. For information about the conference, go to <http://www.acteonline.org/convention/>

C. PATHWAYS CONFERENCE for those working with students in crisis or at-risk will be held Mar 2-4, 2008 at Tan Tar A. To see a flyer about the conference, go to <http://dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/leadership/documents/Pathwsaysflyer.pdf>

D. MSCA SPRING CONFERENCE will be held on March 7, 2008, at the Capital Plaza, Jefferson City, MO. Dr. Carolyn Stone, ASCA Past- President and ASCA Ethics Chair, will speak on LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS. To see information about this conference and download a registration form, go to <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/2008%20SPRING%20CONFERENCE%20Flyer.doc>

E. 2008 MISSOURI ACT STATE ORGANIZATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held on March 12-13, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, Mo. For information about the conference and registration, go to www.act.org/events

F. THE 32ND ANNUAL MISSOURI MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (MMSA) CONFERENCE will be held on March 14-16, 2008 at Tan-Tar-A Resort. For information, go to <http://www.mmsa-mo.org/conference.html>